(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for rehabilitation of employees affected by the closure/shifting of such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIAN MEENA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of forests in Tamil Nadu

3405. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted any project for the development of forests in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accorded approval to the said project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB), Ministry of Environment and Forests has received 32 proposals till date from Tamil Nadu under its scheme-National Afforestation Programme to be implemented through Forest Development Agency (FDA) at district level and Joint Forest Management Committees at village level.

(c) to (e) Out of the 32 proposals received 31, proposals at a total cost of Rs. 90.64 crores have already been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 51.64 crores has been released by NAEB. Proposal received from FDA Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) Tamil Nadu, has not been sanctioned for want of relevant information from the State.